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MR. Allen Dulles

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Dear Sir,

It seems that I won't be at peace with myself if I don't write you this letter and tell you about a certain joke. This joke has something to do (reversely analogical) with the recent uproar over Khruschev's brag that he cracked your secret code. Some "honorable gentlemen" in our Congress are even considering a hearing on that score. May be you could find some opportunity in the near future to re-tell this joke. It goes something like this:

Once upon a time there was a Chinaman, let's call his name Wong Wu. (Wu means № 5, so he is presumably № 5<sup>th</sup> among his brothers) He had 500 yen. (silver dollars like those in Las Vegas, common currency during those good old days in China.) He tried hard to think up a place to hide it. He dug a hole in the ground in front of the wall of his house. He buried his money there. He covered the earth as carefully as he can to make it look that

work. He seemed satisfied. But he was still worried. What happen if other people will discover his money? He thought. He thought hard. Finally he found a solution and he took a large brush pen and wrote on the wall, in front of which he just buried his money, these big words: "Under the ground here, there is no \$500 you buried!" Then he went away and felt happy.

The moral of this joke as applied to this case, as I said reversely analogical, is: that Khruscher ain't got the money. But he wrote on the wall now -- "Under the ground here, there is \$500 you buried!" Now he can sit back inside Kremlin and laugh his big belly ache to watch the sickers digging and digging!

Just use a rational head and think on the level! Was Mr. K. drunk when he made such boats? If he derived such benefits from cracking our secret codes and would continue to receive such benefits in the future... why did he cry about? Was he stupid? Or he himself crack up or something? not likely.

Any man-made "secret code", if in use long enough, will sooner or later be cracked by experts.

all the "secret code" users the world over change their codes periodically and from time to time. So that to keep the enemy hands off its track. Moreover any intelligence information would have to be evaluated too. So that even false intelligence information has its own value. As long as a suspect would start talking even his lies can be interpreted and evaluated. Only when he chooses to clam up his lips the detectives will have a hard time. Even some dishonest double cross international spies have their value if one knows how to use them properly.

I don't know how well you make progress on your necessary work but I believe you are certainly not as naive as Mr. K. would like to make you out to be.

Hope you enjoyed my joke. I didn't invent this one. This is just a Chinese popular folksy joke. It can be applied in ~~at~~ many places.

yours truly,

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P.S. I'm not Wong Wu. But sometimes I was even worse.

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